



BORDER PATROL AGENT ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA ON FEDERAL CHARGES

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TUCSON, Ariz. -- Bryant K. Brazley, a Border Patrol Agent employed by U.S. Border Patrol, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, was arrested today in Chula Vista, Calif. after a four-count federal indictment was unsealed today. The indictment charges the defendant with violating Title 18 of U.S. Code, Sections 286 and 287 and alleges that the defendant conspired to defraud the government by making false claims for reimbursement of housing expenses while the defendant was detailed to the Tucson, Ariz. Border Patrol Sector in 2000 and 2001.

Brazley had an initial appearance in federal district court in San Diego today and was released on a signature bond. A removal hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2004 in San Diego.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

A conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. § 286 carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. § 287 carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General.

The prosecution is being handled by Eric Markovich, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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